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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

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Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 56-132386 appears to disclose an enclosed compressor having a compressor mechanism and a motor suspended in a cylindrical sealed container. As seen in Figure 2, an inlet tube 16 communicates with the opening 14 in member 2 with a spring interposed therebetween. A partial English translation is provided to better understand this reference.

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Publication No. 1-203688 appears to disclose an hermetic rotary compressor in which a motor is mounted on the upper side of a compression mechanism and is integrated therewith while a coil spring is interposed between the compression mechanism and the bottom wall of a sealed container. In this compressor, the compression mechanism and the motor are supported elastically for suppressing vibration transferring from the compression mechanism and the motor to the sealed container, thereby reducing noise generated during operation.

Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 01-313692 appears to disclose an enclosed compressor having a compressor mechanism connected to an inlet tube with a sealing

arrangement as seen in Figures 11 through 13. An English abstract is provided to better understand this reference.

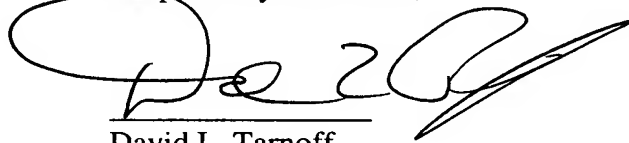
Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 2003-97447 appears to disclose an enclosed compressor having the compression mechanism and the motor supported elastically in the housing. An inlet structure is illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. This reference was cited in the International search report as being particularly relevant to claims 1-4, 10 and 11 of the corresponding International application.

Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 03-202693 appears to disclose an enclosed compressor having the compression mechanism and the motor supported elastically in the housing. An inlet structure is illustrated in Figure 14. This reference was cited in the International search report as being particularly relevant to claim 10 of the corresponding International application.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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